



# Election Town Hall



Roundtable Project Series Two: New Laws and Elections Administration  
October 8, 2019 at Ability 360  
Maricopa County Recorder's Office and Elections Department

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SPORTS & FITNESS CENTER



Welcome from Ability360

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Thank you to our host!

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# Arizona Center for Disability Law



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ACDL is part of the nationwide Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system, which includes the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) program.

- **Our Mission:** ACDL is a non-profit law firm that assists Arizonans with disabilities to promote and protect their legal rights to independence, justice, and equality.
- **Our Vision:** A society where people with disabilities enjoy full acceptance without barriers.

[www.azdisabilitylaw.org](http://www.azdisabilitylaw.org)

# Arizona Center for Disability Law



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The PAVA program is mandated to "ensure the full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote and accessing polling places."

**“People with disabilities have the same right to cast a private and independent ballot as their fellow Americans”**

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# Introduction to the Roundtables

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Maricopa County Recorder, Adrian Fontes

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# Town Hall Agenda

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- I. Presentation: Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes
- II. Panel #1: Roundtable Project Community Leaders
- III. Intermission
- IV. Panel #2: Maricopa County Election Administrators
- V. Town Hall Wrap-up



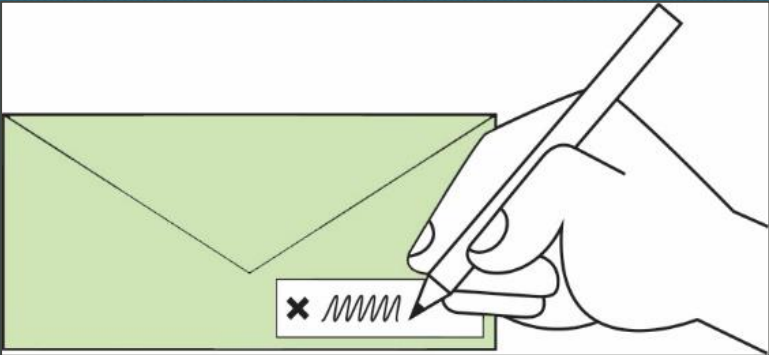
# Roundtable Project Suggestion

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Previously, it was unclear to voters how signatures were matched from their ballot to their voter registration if they were unable to make a mark.

This concern originated in the Roundtable Project discussions.

A detailed image of the Maricopa County Early Voting Ballot form. The form includes sections for voter registration information, personal details, and a signature line. A red box highlights the signature line with the text "Signature Required - PRINT & SIGN / Se Requiere una Firma - IMPRIMIR y FIRMA". A red 'X' is marked next to the signature line. The form also includes a section for the voter's address and a section for the voter's date of birth.



# New Policy Announcement

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The new policy clarifies MCRO internal procedures on how we verify identity for these voters.

A document titled "Maricopa County Recorder & Election Department Internal Policy" with a Maricopa County Recorder logo. It contains sections for Policy Title, Approved by, Purpose, Definitions, and Policy. The document is dated 10/4/2019 and is page 1 of 2.

**Maricopa County Recorder & Election Department**  
**Internal Policy**

Policy Title: **Processing Signatures for Voters Unable to Make a Mark**  
Approved by: **Adrian Fontes, Recorder**  
Policy Number: **VR-001**  
Current Adoption Date: **October 4, 2019**  
Original Adoption Date:

**I. PURPOSE**  
Arizona Revised Statutes 16-152 (A)(20) provides that if a Voter is unable to sign a form, a statement that the affidavit was completed according to the Registrar's direction is sufficient. There are many reasons, however, why someone may be assisted and have the assistance box signed. As a result, there is sometimes a delay in processing forms and ballots as Recorder/Election staff confirms this with the Registrar/Voter. This policy seeks to streamline the process by which voter registrations, early ballot affidavits, Election Day signature rosters, and other voter registration and election documents may be processed without delay for Voters who cannot sign their signature or make a mark due to disability.

**II. DEFINITIONS**  
A. **Registrar or Voter who cannot sign or make a mark:** Any person who has a physical disability that prevents the person from signing their signature or making a mark on paper or electronic voter registration or election affidavit and forms.  
B. **Designated Person of the Registrar or Voter's Choice:** A designated person who provides assistance to a Registrar or Voter who requires assistance to register or vote by reason of disability or inability to read or write. The designated person may be a person of the Registrar, or Voter's choice and may not be the Registrar or Voter's employer or agent of that employer, an agent of the Registrar or Voter's union, or a candidate for an office in that election other than the office of precinct committeeman. (Voting Rights Act 52 U.S.C. § 10508, A.R.S. 16-580 E)

**III. POLICY**  
A. If a Registrar or Voter is unable to sign or make a mark, the Registrar or Voter may designate a person of their choice who will write on the signature line "unable to sign due to disability," and then sign their name on the designated line on the form for those providing assistance. The designated person does not need to be the same individual for all voter registration and/or elections documents signed for the Registrar or Voter.  
B. The designated assistance box must include a statement that the affidavit was completed according to the Registrar's direction, and the form is still deemed to be submitted under

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10/4/2019



# What are the Roundtables?

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- Six Key Community Groups
- Opportunity for Community Feedback
- Topic Focused:
  - New Election Laws and Administration
- Download the Summary
  - [Maricopa.Vote](http://Maricopa.Vote)
    - Community Outreach
    - Town Hall


[Voter Outreach](#) [Community Outreach](#) [Community Outreach Archives](#)

We look forward to implementing creative outreach opportunities, including voter registration drives, presentations, information dissemination, with the help of many individuals and sectors in the county.


If you are a member of an organization that would like to participate, please contact Christine Dyster, Director of Community Outreach at:

📞 Fax: 602.506.3069  
✉ Email: [cdyster@risc.maricopa.gov](mailto:cdyster@risc.maricopa.gov)


Presentations with general-public appeal are presented below. Please be aware that for historical presentations some of the criteria and processes may have changed - always consult the main [voter information](#) page for current registration and voting requirements.




Voter Registration Drive Toolkit



Become a Deputy Registrar



Tour our Election Warehouse




Voter Checklist

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- ☐ Check your Voter Registration at Maricopa.Vote. Within six weeks of registering to vote you should receive a voter ID card in the mail or you will receive a letter that your registration was incomplete.
- ☐ Keep your Voter Registration up to date. If you change your address, name, political party, or want to get your ballot by mail you can download a paper form at [Register.Maricopa.Vote](http://Register.Maricopa.Vote) or update your information online at [www.ServiceArizona.com](http://www.ServiceArizona.com). If you move, you also need to update your address with the U.S. Post Office at [MoveGuide.USPS.com](http://MoveGuide.USPS.com).

Election Checklists




www.arizona.vote/govote

Register to vote online!  
¡Regístrate para votar en línea!

3 minutes, 1 question, Click, Done.

Voter Registration Postcard



Roundtable Project and Town Halls



# Roundtable Series 2: Overview

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## Agenda for each Roundtable:

- I. Introduction from Host Group
- II. Presentation from MCRO
- III. Guided discussion
  - A. Impact of New Laws
  - B. Impact of New Administrative Structure
  - C. Open discussion
- IV. Wrap-up of Key Points

## Topic Overview:

- New Election Laws
  - 54<sup>th</sup> State Legislature
  - Focused on Voter Impact
- Election Administration
  - Staffing
  - Technology
  - Structure



# New Election Laws Quick Reference

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- ***SB1054 - Early Ballots; Deficiencies; Cure Period***
- ***SB1072 - Early Voting Centers; Identification Required***
- SB1090 - Emergency Voting Procedures; Board Action
- ***SB1154 - Primary Date; First August Tuesday***
- SB1451 - Procedures; nomination petitions; registered circulators
- HB2039 - Elections; federal form; emergency voting
- HB2236 - County recorder; candidate petition

*Not an exhaustive list of all new laws impacting elections and electors*





# SB1054 - Early Ballots; Deficiencies; Cure Period

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- Ballot Tabulation can start 14 days before Election Day
- Allows voters to correct or confirm their inconsistent signature up to:
  - 5 days after Federal Elections
  - 3 days after non-Federal Elections

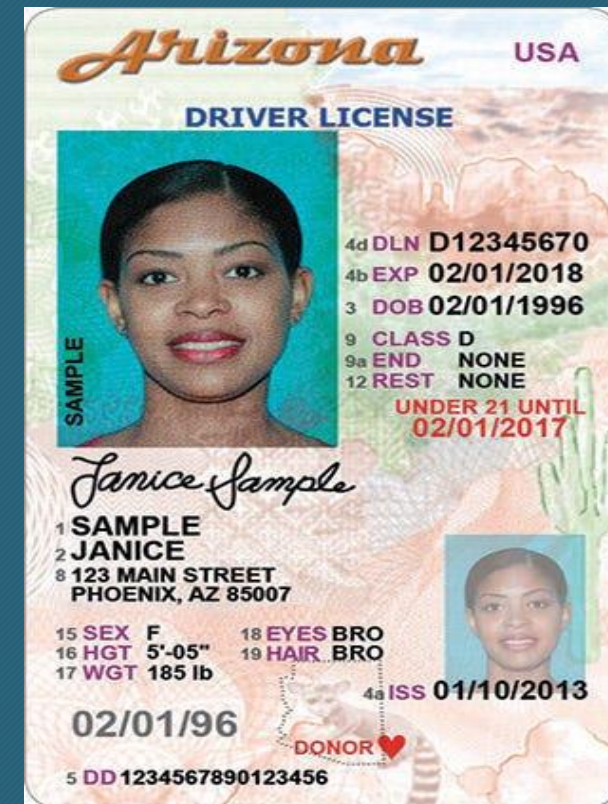


# SB1072 - Early Voting Centers; Identification Required

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- Requires Proof of ID at all in-person Early Voting Locations.
- In-person Early Voting ID requirements now match Election Day.





# SB1154 - Primary Date; First August Tuesday

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## New Primary Election Date

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August, starting 2020
- **August 4, 2020**
- Changes a number of other dates to correspond:
  - Candidate filings
  - Election Notices



# MCED Structural Changes

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Recorder and Board of Supervisors formed a Working Group to focus on the following areas:

## 1. Staffing

- Goal: Ensure Elections Department is properly staffed

## 2. Technology

- Goal: State-of-the-art elections in Maricopa County

## 3. Structure

- Goal: Improve voter trust in elections

Overall Goal: Improve the Maricopa County Voter Experience



# Implementation of Recommendations

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- Staffing (in Budget)
  - 26 new Elections Staff
    - 10 Recorder's by Statute
    - 16 Election Department by Statute
  - 2 new Communications staff
  - 1 new GIS staff
- Technology
  - New tabulation equipment for 2020 Elections
  - Improved ballot design using ovals
- Structure
  - Co-Directors of Elections

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

TO VOTE: COMPLETELY FILL THE OVAL(S) NEXT TO YOUR CHOICES, LIKE BELOW

TO VOTE FOR A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE: PRINT THE NAME ATOP OF THE SHADED TEXT AND COMPLETELY FILL THE OVAL LIKE BELOW

ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2018  
0099-01 PURPLE PRECINCT  
COUNTY OF MARICOPA, STATE OF ARIZONA

DOE, JANE

John Doe

**PARTISAN BALLOT**

1. Complete the oval to the right of the name of each candidate for each partisan office for whom you wish to vote.  
2. If you wish to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write such name in the blank space provided on the ballot or write-in envelope and put a mark according to the instructions next to the name to write.  
3. Put a mark according to the instructions next to the word "yes" or "no" for each proposition or question you wish to be adopted. Put a mark according to the instructions next to the word "yes" or "no" for each proposition or question you wish not to be adopted.

**FEDERAL**

UNITED STATES SENATOR  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)

MCSALLY, MARTHA (REP) ☐

SINEMA, KYRSTEN (DEM) ☐

GREEN, ANGELA (GRN) ☐

U.S. REP. IN CONGRESS  
DIST. 9  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)

FERRARA, STEPHEN L. (REP) ☐

STANTON, GREG (DEM) ☐

**STATE**

GOVERNOR  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)

DUCEY, DOUG (REP) ☐

GARCIA, DAVID (DEM) ☐

TORRES, ANGEL (GRN) ☐

STATE SENATOR  
DIST. 24  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)

ALGER, VICKI (REP) ☐

ALSTON, LELA (DEM) ☐

**STATE**

STATE MINE INSPECTOR  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)

HART, JOE (REP) ☐

PIERCE, WILLIAM "BILL" (DEM) ☐

CORPORATION COMMISSIONER  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)

GLASSMAN, RODNEY (REP) ☐

OLSON, JUSTIN (REP) ☐

KENNEDY, SANDRA (DEM) ☐

SEARS, KIANA MARIA (DEM) ☐

**COUNTY**

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)

FINE, JEFF (REP) ☐

MILLER, ROBERTA NEIL (DEM) ☐

**CITY OF PHOENIX**

MAYOR  
TO COMPLETE TERM  
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1)

VALENZUELA, DANIEL ☐

GALLEGO, KATE ☐

SANCHEZ, MOSES ☐

SARWARK, NICHOLAS ☐

**BUDGET OVERRIDE CONTINUATION, YES**

**BUDGET OVERRIDE CONTINUATION, NO**

**PROPOSITION 419**

**ELECTION FUNDING DISCLOSURE COALITIONS**

**DISCLOSURE 310: Proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of Phoenix requiring any person, association of persons or entity making expenditures to influence the result of a city election to disclose and identify expenditures and contributions including original and intermediary sources of major contributions.**

**Statement:** This is a proposal related to election funding disclosure obligations, sometimes referred to as "Dark Money," to require any person, association of persons or entity making expenditures to influence the outcome of a city election to disclose and identify the





## Panel #1: Community Partners

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# Hispanic American Roundtable

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## Top Discussion Topics:

- New Primary Date to the first Tuesday in August (SB1154) changes the election timeline to earlier in the year.
- Graphics and information from the Recorder's Office needs to be plain enough to be shared by all groups.



# College/University Roundtable

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## Top Discussion Topics:

- SB1072 now requires ID at early voting. Students do not always have proper proof of ID. MCRO will work to develop student specific communications about ID.
- August 4 Primary, means ballots mail before school starts. Information about the Primary is going to have to be discussed in the Spring Semester.





# African American Roundtable

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## Top Discussion Topics:

- ID at Early In-Person Voting (SB1072) changes the dynamic of the early voting period.
- For people concerned about proof of ID, PEVL is the only choice now.
- Voter Experience is a primary concern for in-person voting.



# Disability Roundtable

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## Top Discussion Topics:

- New Accessible Voting Devices are being purchased for Maricopa County.
- It is key that the devices be made available for testing by disability community.
- Demo available today!



# Native American Roundtable

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## Top Discussion Topics:

- Modes of communication for Tribal Outreach varies dependent on tribe and location.
- MCRO and Tribal Governments need to share information about elections.
- MCRO needs to have open lines of communication with Tribal Voters.





# Asian American/ Native Hawai'ian/ Pacific Islander Roundtable

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## Top Discussion Topics:

- Basic voting information needs to be shared more widely.
- For new citizens, learning how to vote is like learning another language, again!
- Trusted sources need to be carriers of basic voting information.





## Panel #1 Q&A

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# Intermission

We'll be back in a few minutes!

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## Panel #2: Maricopa County Elections Administrators

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# Q&A with Maricopa County Elections

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**Scott Jarrett**

Co-Director of Elections  
Election Day and Emergency Voting



**Keely Varvel**

Chief Deputy Recorder



**Kristi Passarelli**

Assistant Director of Elections  
Services and Tabulations





## Resources

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Keñosha Skinner, Community Relations Coordinator  
Roundtable Project Lead

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# Resources: Maricopa.Vote

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## Voter Registration 101: WHO, WHERE, AND WHEN

### Voter Registration 101

Thank you for your interest in promoting civic engagement! The Maricopa County Recorder's Office (MCRO) appreciates all efforts to engage more eligible voters in the process. To support you we have created this guide. If you want to learn more, come to a Deputy Registrar class: [www.tinyurl.com/DRclass2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/DRclass2019).

#### Who CAN Register to Vote?

There are three requirements to register to vote in Arizona:

- 1) U.S. Citizenship.
- 2) 18 years old by the next General Election.
- 3) Arizona is your primary residence. You can only vote in one state and registering to vote is a way to claim residency. (exception: tribal elections)

#### Who can NOT Register to Vote?

- 1) Non-U.S. Citizens. (Green Card holders, permanent residents, etc.)
- 2) Felons without their civil rights restored. (First-time, single felony offenders get their rights automatically restored after all court orders are completed)
- 3) Adjudicated incapacitated as ruled by a court.

#### Three Ways to Register to Vote

##### Online Registration

Requires an AZ Driver License, permit, or state ID card.  
[www.ServiceArizona.com](http://www.ServiceArizona.com)

##### Paper State Form

For Arizona Voters  
MCRO Office

##### Paper Federal Form

For use in all 50 states.  
Learn more at [www.EAC.gov/Voter\\_Resources](http://www.EAC.gov/Voter_Resources)

#### Voter Checklist

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Check your Voter Registration at Maricopa.Vote.

Within six weeks of registering to vote you should receive a voter ID card in the mail, or you will receive a letter that your registration was incomplete.

Keep your Voter Registration up to date.

Change your address, name, political party, or want to get mailed by mail you can download a paper form at [www.MaricopaVote.com](http://www.MaricopaVote.com) or update your information online at [www.ServiceArizona.com](http://www.ServiceArizona.com).

Where you also need to update your address with the U.S. Office at [MaricopaVote.USPS.com](http://MaricopaVote.USPS.com).

### Election Checklists

## Elections

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[What district do I live in?](#)

[Who are my elected officials?](#)

[ADA Voter Assistance](#)

[Community Resources](#)

[Election Calendar](#)

[Election Checklist](#)

[Where do I vote?](#)

[Ballot Tabulation Center live Stream](#)

[Become a Poll Worker](#)

## My Ballot

[Am I Registered to Vote?](#)

[Permanent Early Voting List Sign Up](#)

[Get my Digital Voter ID](#)

[Am I Eligible to Vote in the Next Election?](#)

### Set Help to Restore Your Civil Rights

Spread the word! Restoration of Rights Events

Wed Jul 10  
Restored Civil Rights Event  
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What you need to know: If you are a former inmate who has been restored your civil rights, you must register to vote in Arizona. This is a one-time requirement. You will receive a letter from the Maricopa County Recorder's Office with instructions on how to register. If you do not receive a letter, you can register online at [www.MaricopaVote.com](http://www.MaricopaVote.com) or by mail using the paper form at [www.MaricopaVote.com](http://www.MaricopaVote.com).

## Restoration of Civil Rights

Redirects to the Maricopa County Justice Center



## We ♥ our DRs!



MARICOPA COUNTY  
RECORDER'S OFFICE &  
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT  
ADRIAN FORTES, COUNTY RECORDER

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### Deputy Registrar Training 2019

by Maricopa County Elections Department

Free

Register



# Resources: Ballot Tracking Text Message Service!

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Today 9:36 AM

Dear MICHAEL.  
For upcoming 11-07-2017  
election  
BALLOT WAS RECEIVED AND  
WILL BE SENT FOR SIGNATURE  
VERIFICATION-WATCH FOR  
UPDATE NOTICE

Dear MICHAEL.  
For upcoming 11-07-2017  
election  
BALLOT IS UNDERGOING  
SIGNATURE VERIFICATION-  
FINAL STATUS WILL BE SENT  
WHEN REVIEW IS COMPLETED

Dear MICHAEL.  
For upcoming 11-07-2017  
election  
BALLOT PACKET WAS  
SIGNATURE VERIFIED AND  
YOUR BALLOT HAS BEEN SENT  
TO BE COUNTED

Text "Join" to 628-683  
OR  
visit  
[TextSignup.Maricopa.Vote](http://TextSignup.Maricopa.Vote)



# Ways to get involved

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1. Take a tour of MCTEC:  
[tinyurl.com/GetInvolvedMaricopa](https://tinyurl.com/GetInvolvedMaricopa)
2. Become a Deputy Registrar:  
[tinyurl.com/DRclass2019](https://tinyurl.com/DRclass2019)
3. Fill out an interest form:  
[Getinvolved.Maricopa.Vote](https://Getinvolved.Maricopa.Vote)





Please Complete the Survey!

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<https://bit.ly/2VjJqxx>





Thank you!



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Stay in touch



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-  [@recorderfontes](https://twitter.com/recorderfontes) & [@maricopaelex](https://twitter.com/maricopaelex)
-  [@recorderfontes](https://www.instagram.com/recorderfontes)
-  [voterinfo@risc.maricopa.gov](mailto:voterinfo@risc.maricopa.gov)
-  (602) 506-1511

Thank you



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